Involvement of Pakistani persons in crimes

924. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Pakistan had categorically denied to hand over the persons who were involved in various crimes and terrorist activities in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that India had made a proposal in this behalf during the recent visit of Pakistan Foreign Secretary?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Government has, from time to time, given to Pakistan lists of fugitives from Indian law wanted for crimes/terrorist acts in India and known to be in Pakistan, with the request that they be apprehended and handed over to India. The issue was raised again during the Home Secretary level talks on May 30-31, 2006 in Islamabad and the Foreign Secretary talks on November 14-15, 2006 in New Delhi. Pakistan has not responded positively to these requests. However, during the foreign Secretary talks Pakistan expressed its willingness to cooperate based on specific inputs provided by India on terrorist incidents.

Water diversion project of China

925. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain water diversion projects undertaken by China in its territory is likely to have adverse impact on India;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) There are reports regarding China undertaking projects to divert waters of the Brahmaputra river. The Spokeman of the Chinese Ministery of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Ambassador in India have denied such reports saying that China has no such plans to build a dam and divert water from the Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmaputra) to the Yellow River.

(c) Government has taken up this issue with the Chinese side, including during the recent visit of the President of China to India. In the Joint Declaration issued on November 21, 2006 during the visit the two sides agreed to set up an expert-level mechanism to discuss interaction and cooperation on the provision of flood season hydrological data, emergency management and other issues regarding trans-border rivers.

Formation of Haj Corporation

926. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received by Government for a one time contribution of Rs. 750 crores for formation of a Haj Corporation to finance and manage the Haj operations in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNALAFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) A Task for Hon'ble Members of Parliament led by Shri K. Rahman Khan, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha has recommended the setting up of an organization along the lines of 'Tabung Haji' of Malaysia which can, *inter alia*, mobilize the savings from prospective pilgrims, invest in instruments which are permissible under *Shariat*, distribute the returns on their savings to depositors and undertake Haj Management by providing all related services. The Task Force Report has envisaged the structure of the proposed financial institution to be a separate corporation either as a statutory body or under the Indian Company Act with Government equity participation of at least 40% of the proposed equity base of Rs. 1500 crores. The issue of setting up such an institution is yet to be decided and contribution by Government of India will have to be decided thereafter.

Move made by India at NAM Summit

927. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any move was made by India at recent NAM Summit in connection with growing incidence of cross border terrorism; and